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In re the application of: Markus Pompejus *et al.*

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Proteins Involved in Genetic Stability, Gene  
Expression, and Protein Secretion and Folding

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REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE  
SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed from the Patent Office on August 23, 2001. A request for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: